1993 के दौरान स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड ने (इस्को सहित) 84.94 लाख टन विक्रय इस्पात का उत्पादन किया।

(ख) और (ग) कैलेन्डर वर्ष 1993 के दौरान सेल द्वारा (इस्को सहित) विक्रय इस्पात की घरेलू बिक्री लगभग 73.61 लाख टन (अनन्तिम) की गई।

कैलेंडर वर्ष 1992 की तुलना में 1993 के दौरान "सेल" द्वारा इस्पात का किया गया निर्यात और अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा इस प्रकार है :—

मद	1993 (हजार टन)	मूल्य/अर्जित विदेशी मुद्रा (करोड़ रुपए)	1992 की तुलना में वृद्धि प्रतिशत
विक्रय इस्पात . .	605.6	496.8	247 प्रतिशत
स्टेनलैस स्टील . .	6.0	37.1	59 प्रतिशत

Problems in Modernisation of Dnrgapar Steel Plant

6145. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to State

(a) whether it is a fact that moderni sation of SAIL's Durgapur Steel Plant has run into serious problems with Tiajpromexport of the erstwhile Soviet Union failing to execute the contract;

(b) if so in what other way the mo dernisation is proposed to be finalised: and

(c) what would be the increased cost of modernisation because of the breach of contract on the part of TPE?

.. THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A part of the modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) has been delayed due to M/s. Tiajpromexport (TPE) failing to implement the contract within the time limits and cost estimates.

(b) SAIL/DSP have taken several steps including financial assistance to M/s. TPE in terms of adhoc adjustable advances, direct payment to its sub-vendors etc. to enable them to con plete the balance jobs expeditously. Tri contrtct for reconstruction of Bla r Furnace No. 4 by TPE led consortiur is being restructured incorporating then in revised responsibility matrix lor the consortium members to ensure exped tious completion. In addition substantia quantity of equipment originally in th scope of TPE is being procured b DSP directly.

(c) SAIL|DSP are examining th claims of TPE and other consortiur members in consultation with the consultants, Mls. MECON, DSP has also to incur expenditure or responsib-lities taken over from TPE The total impact of cost increase on this accou will be known only after indepth exa mination of the claims and other re lated issues and completion of balanc jobs now expected to be over by June 1995.

Cost of Russian Electric Rope Show and Hydraulic Excavator

6146. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: We the Minister of STEEL be pleased state:

(a) the exact details of the land cost of Russian Electric Rope Show

and Hydraulic Excavator erdered and procured by the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited;

(b) the exact amount of difference in prices per unit capacity of each of the equipments;

(c) whether the NMDC Limited could not ascertain the actual working results of hydraulic excavator while the RRERS had been working smoothly with th© company over the past several years;

(d) whether Government would take initiative for ascertaining actual reason or such a large number of order given 'or hydraulic excavators; and

(e) in what respect the Russian Elec-ric Rope Showels working is likely to e deemed unsatisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TOE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH 10HAN DEV): (a) The landed cost f the Russian Electric Rope Showel with

Cubic metre bucket capacity, acquired y the National Mineral Development corporation Limited (NMDC) is Rs. 80 lakhs while in the case of a Hydrau-c excavator with 5.5 cubic metre ticket capacity procured by NMDC, the nded cost is Rs. 552 lakhs.

(b) Although the difference in prices about Rs. 55 lakhs per cubic metre bucket capacity, various factors such the level *of* technology, the prime over, (viz. whether the equipment is esel powered or electrically powered), pe of material to be handled, overall economics and productivity etc are ten into account while determining : reasonableness of prices of various wels of showels and Hydraulic excava(c) The company has reported that fore procurement, a high level study m had ascertained the 'performance cf draulic' excavators being used nt the chanised mines of other users i.e. el Authority of India Limited (GAlL) Tata Iron and Steel Company Liuj-1 (TISCO).-

(d) The company has intimated that during the last 5 years, it has purchased eleven numbers of excavators and shovels, which include only 3 nos. of Hydraulic excavators.

(e) Although the performance of the Russian Rope electric shovels procured directly from the original manufacturers is not reported to be unsatisfactory, NMDC faced serious problems in main taining them due to lack of -timely supply of spare parts from Russia and therefore had to look for alternatives, Hydraulic excavators are being preferred by the Company as they are the latest state-of-the art technology in mining equipment and hence more productive.

New steel plonts in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

6147. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased' to state: .:

(a) whether any new steel plants are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra., and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether these are in the private or public sector; and

(c) what are the names of the units Or companies which: have proposed to set up steel plants in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER Op STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Under the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, the Iron and Steel has been removed from the list of industries reserved for the public, sector, and also exempted from the provisions of compulsory, licensing under, the. Industries, (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 subject to certain locational restrictions. While no steel plant is, proposed to , be set up by the Central Government in the public sector, the following steel plants are being set up in the process , of firming up project parameters in the